

SUPPORTING EFFORTS TO INCREASE CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS, TREATMENT, AND RESEARCH

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and agreeing to the resolution, House Resolution 576.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. BURR) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, House Resolution 576, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 415, nays 0, not voting 18, as follows:

[Roll No. 499]

YEAS—415

Abercrombie	Clay	Franks (NJ)
Ackerman	Clayton	Frelinghuysen
Aderholt	Clement	Frost
Allen	Clyburn	Gallegly
Andrews	Coble	Gedden
Archer	Coburn	Gekas
Armey	Collins	Gephardt
Baca	Combest	Gibbons
Bachus	Condit	Gilchrest
Baird	Conyers	Gillmor
Baker	Cook	Gilman
Baldacci	Cooksey	Gonzalez
Baldwin	Costello	Goode
Ballenger	Cox	Goodlatte
Barcia	Coyne	Goodling
Barr	Cramer	Goss
Barrett (NE)	Crane	Graham
Barrett (WI)	Crowley	Granger
Bartlett	Cubin	Green (TX)
Barton	Cummings	Green (WI)
Bass	Cunningham	Greenwood
Becerra	Danner	Gutierrez
Bentsen	Davis (FL)	Gutknecht
Bereuter	Davis (IL)	Hall (OH)
Berkley	Davis (VA)	Hall (TX)
Berman	Deal	Hansen
Berry	DeFazio	Hastings (WA)
Biggert	DeGette	Hayes
Bilbray	Delahunt	Hayworth
Bilirakis	DeLauro	Hefley
Bishop	DeLay	Herger
Blagojevich	DeMint	Hill (IN)
Bliley	Deutsch	Hill (MT)
Blumenauer	Diaz-Balart	Hilleary
Blunt	Dickey	Hilliard
Boehlert	Dicks	Hinchey
Boehner	Dingell	Hinojosa
Bonilla	Dixon	Hobson
Bonior	Doggett	Hoefel
Bono	Dooley	Hoekstra
Borski	Doolittle	Holden
Boswell	Doyle	Holt
Boucher	Dreier	Hooley
Boyd	Duncan	Horn
Brady (PA)	Dunn	Hostettler
Brady (TX)	Edwards	Houghton
Brown (FL)	Ehlers	Hoyer
Brown (OH)	Ehrlich	Hulshof
Bryant	Emerson	Hutchinson
Burr	Engel	Hyde
Burton	English	Inslie
Buyer	Eshoo	Isakson
Callahan	Etheridge	Isatook
Calvert	Evans	Jackson (IL)
Camp	Everett	Jefferson
Canady	Farr	Jenkins
Cannon	Fattah	John
Capps	Filner	Johnson (CT)
Capuano	Fletcher	Johnson, E. B.
Cardin	Foley	Johnson, Sam
Carson	Forbes	Jones (NC)
Castle	Ford	Kanjorski
Chabot	Fossella	Kaptur
Chambliss	Fowler	Kasich
Chenoweth-Hage	Frank (MA)	Kelly

Kennedy	Nethercutt	Shuster
Kildee	Ney	Simpson
Kilpatrick	Northup	Sisisky
Kind (WI)	Norwood	Skeen
King (NY)	Nussle	Skelton
Klecza	Oberstar	Slaughter
Knollenberg	Obey	Smith (MI)
Kolbe	Oliver	Smith (NJ)
Kucinich	Ortiz	Smith (TX)
Kuykendall	Ose	Smith (WA)
LaFalce	Owens	Snyder
LaHood	Oxley	Souder
Lampson	Packard	Spence
Lantos	Pallone	Spratt
Largent	Pascarell	Stabenow
Larson	Pastor	Stark
Latham	Payne	Stearns
LaTourette	Pease	Stenholm
Leach	Pelosi	Strickland
Lee	Peterson (MN)	Stump
Levin	Peterson (PA)	Stupak
Lewis (CA)	Petri	Sununu
Lewis (GA)	Phelps	Sweeney
Lewis (KY)	Pickering	Talent
Linder	Pitts	Tancredo
Lipinski	Pombo	Tanner
LoBiondo	Pomeroy	Tauscher
Loftgren	Porter	Tauzin
Lowe	Portman	Taylor (MS)
Lucas (KY)	Price (NC)	Taylor (NC)
Lucas (OK)	Pryce (OH)	Terry
Luther	Quinn	Thomas
Maloney (CT)	Radanovich	Thompson (CA)
Maloney (NY)	Rahall	Thompson (MS)
Manzullo	Ramstad	Thornberry
Markey	Regula	Thune
Martinez	Reyes	Thurman
Mascara	Reynolds	Tiahrt
Matsui	Riley	Tierney
McCarthy (MO)	Rivers	Toomey
McCarthy (NY)	Rodriguez	Towns
McCrery	Roemer	Traficant
McDermott	Rogan	Turner
McGovern	Rogers	Udall (CO)
McHugh	Rohrabacher	Udall (NM)
McInnis	Ros-Lehtinen	Upton
McIntyre	Rothman	Velázquez
McKeon	Roukema	Visclosky
McKinney	Roybal-Allard	Vitter
McNulty	Royce	Walden
Meehan	Rush	Walsh
Meek (FL)	Ryan (WI)	Wamp
Meeks (NY)	Ryun (KS)	Waters
Menendez	Sabo	Watkins
Metcalfe	Salmon	Watt (NC)
Mica	Sanchez	Watts (OK)
Millender	Sanders	Waxman
McDonald	Sanford	Weiner
Miller (FL)	Sawyer	Weldon (FL)
Miller, Gary	Saxton	Weldon (PA)
Miller, George	Scarborough	Weller
Minge	Schaffer	Wexler
Mink	Schakowsky	Weyand
Moakley	Scott	Whitfield
Mollohan	Sensenbrenner	Wicker
Moore	Serrano	Wilson
Moran (KS)	Sessions	Wise
Moran (VA)	Shadegg	Wolf
Morrell	Shaw	Woolsey
Murtha	Shays	Wu
Myrick	Sherman	Wynn
Nadler	Sherwood	Young (AK)
Napolitano	Shimkus	Young (FL)
Neal	Shows	

NOT VOTING—18

Campbell	Jackson-Lee	McIntosh
Ewing	(TX)	Paul
Ganske	Jones (OH)	Pickett
Gordon	Kingston	Rangel
Hastings (FL)	Klink	Sandlin
Hunter	Lazio	Vento
	McCullum	

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So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. NEY). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 6, 1999, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. STABENOW. Mr. Speaker, I rise once again to focus attention on the topic of prescription drugs. The topic of affordable prescription drugs for seniors is a critical one for families in Michigan and across the nation. Last summer I set up a hot line in Michigan asking those who had stories to tell to call and share them with me, and also for individuals to write me letters and send me copies of their prescription drug bills.

I have received hundreds from across the state, and I have heard heartbreaking stories from seniors about their struggles—about having to choose between putting food on the table and paying the utility bill or being able to get their medications. Because this is such a pervasive problem, it is critical that we pass prescription drug coverage under Medicare, that modernizes the Medicare program to cover the way health care is provided today.

On April 12 of this year, I led an hour of debate on the topic of prescription drug coverage for senior citizens, I read three letters from around the state from seniors who shared their personal stories. At that time, I made a commitment to continue to read a different letter every week until the House enacts reform. This week I will read a letter from Paul and Lois Van Valkenburgh of Buckley, Michigan:

DEAR CONGRESSWOMAN STABENOW: You say three out of four Americans do not have adequate prescription drug coverage. My wife and I have no prescription drug coverage; how is that for not having adequate coverage? We have never found prescription drug insurance we could afford.

Attached to this letter are copies of our prescription drug bills. They cost us over \$2,200 per year, which we really cannot afford. If we had prescription drug coverage like people [who are not retired] (and make much more money than we), then we could afford to pay the premium on insurance coverage for prescription drugs. But the premium has got to be affordable and the deductible reasonable. . . .

Anything you can do to either lower the prices or get retired people a prescription drug insurance that's affordable will be appreciated.

Thank you for giving us this opportunity to talk to someone about this awful situation.

Sincerely yours,

PAUL AND LOIS VAN VALKENBURGH.

The Van Valkenburghs have a combined income of \$13,500 a year. Under the Democratic prescription drug plan which I have co-sponsored they would be entitled to significant help with their drug costs. I would like to thank the Van Valkenburghs for sharing their story, and on their behalf and the others that need this assistance, I will continue to work to pass